

Intimidate

Definition:

Frighten or overawe (someone), especially in order to make them do what one wants:

Origin:

Mid 17th century: from medieval Latin intimidat- 'made timid', from the verb intimidare (based on timidus 'timid').

Today's word, "intimidate", is all rooted in fear. The origin of this word is "timid". One can say that to intimidate someone is to make them timid. When someone is timid they do not stand, they slouch over. When someone is timid they do not fight, they accept what someone says even if it is wrong and they know it's wrong. Being intimidated is to have fear. To have fear is to be in agreement with the enemy and not God (something I just learned very recently). This is an issue in many of us that the Lord wants to correct. Today is your day to be set free.

I found out not too long ago, one day while I was reading the Bible with Holy Spirit, that having and holding on to fear is going against God Himself. That is a harsh lesson yet true. If we have any kind of fear in us (besides the fear of the Lord) it means that we doubt God says who He is.

Romans 14:23 - But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin.

Did you catch that? I know the context of this is speaking of something different but the words remain true in any context. "For whatever is not from faith is sin". Is fear from faith? Is allowing ourselves to be intimidated from faith? No. Therefore it is a sin. Again I say, to have fear is to doubt what God says about Himself. What else does the Lord tell us about this subject?

James 1:6-8 - But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

I know this is heavy so it is important to know what came before those last verses.

James 1:2-5 - My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. 5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

God is faithful to give us anything we need but we must not doubt Him. We must not allow ourselves to be in agreement with the enemy by holding on to fear; by being intimidated. You may ask how can I be set free? First, you have to ask God to show you

the root of your fear. Then you must allow God to help you overcome your fear in order to receive His joy. Remember, courage is not always the absence of fear but believing God and moving forward in His ways even when you are fearful. Once the fear and its root is exposed, repent of your agreement with the enemy.

God's grace is sufficient for the day so do not dwell on this matter once it is released. Just as was stated in the previous verses, we must ask for God's Wisdom in any fearful situation that may present itself in our lives. In order to be fully free we must remember how much God loves us and that He is The Lord. There are a multitude of times in the Bible that God says "fear not". This is for our benefit. So fear not and know that God is with you.

Isaiah 51:12-16 - "I, even I, am He who comforts you. Who are you that you should be afraid Of a man who will die, And of the son of a man who will be made like grass? 13 And you forget the Lord your Maker, Who stretched out the heavens And laid the foundations of the earth; You have feared continually every day Because of the fury of the oppressor, When he has prepared to destroy. And where is the fury of the oppressor? 14 The captive exile hastens, that he may be loosed, That he should not die in the pit, And that his bread should not fail. 15 But I am the Lord your God, Who divided the sea whose waves roared—The Lord of hosts is His name. 16 And I have put My words in your mouth; I have covered you with the shadow of My hand, That I may plant the heavens, Lay the foundations of the earth, And say to Zion, 'You are My people.'"

Fear not!!!

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